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Dear Ray:

I write with reference to your much appreciated letter of January 9, on SACRE's study of certain military actions that might be taken with an eye to the Berlin situation and Soviet intentions.

I have made some very discreet inquiries in Defense, and I find that this matter is one that is most closely held within the JCS. Livia feels quite strongly that this matter should not be allowed to remain in purely military channels at this end and he is anxious to see the documents involved. I should therefore greatly appreciate it if you could send me a copy of General Norstad's first progress report (as well as those which will follow), or at least pertinent excerpts therefrom.

I hesitate to add to your burden this way, but Livia wishes to be read into this matter at the earliest possible stage.

With warmest regards,

As ever,

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